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SUBJECT: IMF/WORLD BANK ANNUAL MEETING

REF: A) STATE 203590; B) VIENTIANE 0888

1. THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE LAO FOREIGN MINISTRY'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT, OUDONE VORATANOUVONG, HAS TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT A LAO DELEGATION HAS NOT YET BEEN NAMED TO THIS YEAR'S IMF/WORLD BANK MEETING. OUDONE ATTENDED LAST YEAR'S MEETING. HOWEVER, HE EXPECTED THAT THE DELEGATION WOULD PROBABLY CONSIST OF THREE OFFICIALS, HEADED BY THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE, BOUTSABONG SOUVANNAVONG, WHO ALSO HEADED LAST YEAR'S DELEGATION.

2. A UNDP OFFICIAL TOLD AN EMBOFF THAT SOME WORLD BANK OFFICIALS HAD VISITED LAOS THIS SUMMER TO DISCUSS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SE BANG FAI RIVER VALLEY, WITH THE EMPHASIS ON FLOOD CONTROL AND IRRIGATION. THE LAO MAY WISH TO DISCUSS THIS PROJECT WITH BANK OFFICIALS.

3. THE LAO DELEGATION MAY ALSO MAKE AN APPEAL TO THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PLenary SESSION, BANK/FUND OFFICIALS, OR THE U.S. DELEGATION FOR ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH FLOOD RELIEF. OUDONE TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER THAT RECENT FLOODS HAD DEVASTATED IMPORTANT RICE-GROWING AREAS IN LAOS AND THAT AS A RESULT, THE CURRENT RICE SHORTFALL CRISIS WOULD EXTEND THROUGH MARCH OF NEXT YEAR. HE SURMISED THAT THE LAO GOVERNMENT MIGHT MAKE A FORMAL INTERNATIONAL

APPEAL FOR: ADDITIONAL FOOD AID, RICE SEEDLINGS, FERTILIZER, INSECTICIDES, WATER PUMPS, AND POSSIBLY MEDICINES. REF B. REPORTED A PRELIMINARY LAO APPEAL FOR FLOOD AID.

4. THE LAO DELEGATION MAY RAISE THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WITH THE U.S. DELEGATION:

A) THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITMENT TO CONGRESSMAN LONG TO VOTE AGAINST LOANS OR ASSISTANCE TO LAOS IN IFI'S.

B) THE STATUS OF THE U.S. CONTRIBUTION OF 10,000 METRIC TONS OF RICE TO LAOS THROUGH THE WFP.

C) THE PROSPECTS FOR FUTURE U.S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO LAOS.

5. IF A SUITABLE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF, THE U.S. DELEGATION MAY WISH TO BRING UP THE PROBLEMS OF INFORMATION ON MIA'S AND THE POOR LPDR RECORD ON HUMAN RIGHTS. THESE PROBLEMS CONTINUE AS OBSTACLES TO IMPROVED U.S.-LAO RELATIONS.  
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